

"The very fathers of the Republic, Washington, Benjamin Franklin, Robert Morris and Livingston and most of the others, were busy buying land at one shilling or less an acre and selling it at \$2, in parcels of 10,000 acres or more. The very occasion for choosing a site for the National Capitol had been an outcome of collusion between the great landgrabbers, securities speculators, and the statesmen (The Robber Barons: The Great American Capitalists, Matthew Josephson)